

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 42-21

Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 19, 2021

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The 2020-2021 Current Expense Budget
Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund
American Rescue Plan
Emergency Measure

FOR the purpose of amending the 2020-2021 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the U.S. Department of Treasury, as a result of the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency, and providing for the effective date of this Act.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury has made an award of federal funds available to the Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance, to be used to offset reasonable and necessary expenses attributable to COVID-19 including economic recovery; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 306 and 712(b) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, the County Council may accept gifts and grants, and may make emergency appropriations to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property from revenues from anticipated sources; and

WHEREAS, such anticipated revenues will be appropriated to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund and expend the same, said fund having been established solely for the purpose of accounting for certain monetary gifts and grants made available to the County for restricted purposes; and

WHEREAS, such fund remains open perpetually as a mechanism to account for the respective gift and grant appropriations and expenditures throughout the entire term of the grant period, including beyond the current expense budget fiscal year; and

WHEREAS Section 308(f) of the Baltimore County Charter provides that by the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the total number of county council members established by the Charter any law or ordinance shall be declared an emergency measure affecting the public health, safety or welfare, in which event the same shall take effect from the date of enactment; now therefore

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, pursuant to the power and authority conferred upon it by Sections 306
3 and 712(b) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County
4 Code, 2015, as amended, that the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30,
5 2021, be and is hereby amended by appropriating federal funds made available to the Baltimore
6 County Office of Budget and Finance, in the amount herein specified, to the following program:

1 005-006-21AR American Rescue Plan \$161,000,000

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
3 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, is declared an emergency measure
4 affecting the public health, safety or welfare and shall take effect from the date of enactment.